

II. Amendments to the Claims

Please replace the claims as previously submitted with the following claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A fishing device comprising:

a line connectable between a fishing line and a hook; and

a parachute having a periphery, the periphery being attached to the line so as to provide a drag when the line is pulled in the direction of the hook; and

wherein the parachute includes:

a plurality of suspension lines, each having a first end and a second end, the first ends of the plurality of suspension lines being connected at spaced locations near the periphery of the parachute; and

a first connector attached to the second ends of the plurality of suspension lines, wherein

the first connector is attached to a first point on the line.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Original) The fishing device of claim 1 2, wherein the parachute is attached to the line so as to not provide a drag when the line is pulled in the direction of the fishing line.

4. (Original) The fishing device of claim 1, wherein the line passes through at least a portion of the parachute.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Original) The fishing device of claim 1 5, wherein the first connector can rotate about the line.

7. (Original) The fishing device of claim 1 5, wherein the parachute further includes:

a tether line having a first end and a second end, the first end being connected to a central portion of the parachute; and